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HOW DOES THIS PROOF STRIKE YOU, REPUBLICAN FRIEND?

It Comes From the Authorities of Your Party and Is Therefore Correct

And It Is a Message of Hope and Cheer to All Good Citizens

When the enemy furnishes the ammunition it is an easy matter to fight and win the battle.

When Republican organs furnish the evidence of which Democratic indicate, there can be no doubt of its truth—for do not Republican words in cold type speak for themselves?

For the past three months the Democratic papers have furnished evidence that this nation had entered into and was now advancing to the greatest prosperity known in the history of the country. Now Republican papers of undoubted credibility and standing furnish the proof, and here is a striking and convincing sample from Chicago, and it is an experience in which the entire country shares.

On the first page of the Chicago Tribune, a Republican paper of undoubted responsibility, appeared last Saturday an article with the following naming headlines:

"Labor Agencies Crying for Men—Universal November Slump Becomes frantic Demand; Wages Going Up."

At this point Republican readers, who cannot be happy except under the delusion that it will be possible to conduct a calamity campaign for the presidency next year, may be excused.

Other readers, glad and willing to know the truth at all times, and eager to rejoice in the good tidings of a national prosperity that is fast breaking all records, may read on and digest what the Tribune follows up with in these convincing words:

Now Just Read This.

For the first time in the history of the country, it is said, there is an actual labor shortage in November, the month when things are supposed to begin slowing up for the winter. Furthermore, public and private labor agencies predict the present trouble is only the beginning. The peak in the shortage of men will come next spring, when, unless the present movement is checked, the country will experience its first acute labor scarcity.

Wages and working conditions already are showing the natural economic results of more jobs than there are men to fill. Wages are going up and the terms of employment are more liberal.

C. J. Boyd, head of the local free employment office, recently opened by the state, Mark L. Crawford, representing the federal government and Mrs. Louise Isbome Root of the Chicago public welfare bureau, met recently to consider methods of meeting the annual winter employment situation. After comparing notes, they adjourned to prepare for getting men for the excess jobs. Mr. Boyd reported that he was closing his books every night with more than 400 jobs un-filled and that the demand for labor is increasing steadily, despite improved working conditions and mounting pay.

The private labor agencies are clamoring for men. Investigators reported at the conference an able bid

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WILL NOT TAKE STUMP

President Wilson Will Not Make Campaign Speeches If He Is Renominated

President Wilson has shunned a precedent or two since he has been chief executive, and he may shun more before he is through.

And he is going to shun one for sure if he is the nominee, and that is he will not go out on the stump and make a public show of himself, asking for votes in case that he is nominated, which is now an assured fact. This advice comes from Washington and is authentic.

The president plans to spend the summer and autumn months at his new home, "Shadow Lawn," near Long Branch, N. J. He may make a few speeches in defense of his administration in several of the larger cities, but this will be the limit of his active campaigning. He proposes to conduct a simple, dignified campaign from his front doorstep. This plan has been endorsed by all his friends within the party, who believe that it will be far more effective and impressive with the nation than if the president should make an elaborate stamping tour.

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SWANGER IS MAD

He Promises to Give Liv Morse and His Satellites a Solar Plexus Bump

John Swanger, the erstwhile part of our own Charley Morris, but now a tyke estranged because both John and Charley want the empty honor of being nominated—that's all—for the Republican gubernatorial of Missouri, could not stand the gaff of some of the members of his own party, and the other day he lost his temper over it and said a few things—which he probably will later regret. He especially showed his rage to Uncle Liv Morse, the best boxer in the g. o. p. who has been sticking a knife in between several of John's ticklish ribs. When John was good and mad he split out after thin fashion:

In a St. Louis paper it was made to appear that I was antagonistic to my party organization and that if I became a candidate for governor I would run as an anti-organization man. This does not correctly represent my attitude toward the party organization either in the state or the city of St. Louis.

I do not believe either Chairman Pablo of the state committee or Chairman Schmitt of the city committee of St. Louis would seek to use their organizations in furthering the interests of any candidate before the party gentlemen and hence I do not believe these gentlemen have engaged in the side-fixing business.

Both these gentlemen are my personal friends, and while they may have their personal preferences, every citizen has a right to have, yet I do not believe that either would rear ahead of the election attempt to control their respective committees for any certain candidate.

Therefore I do not think that my opposition to the machine methods and state-fixing for selfish purposes is antagonistic to the party organization in any city or state.

What I do wish understood is that I am strenuously opposed to any state which is hatched up or sponsored by Liv Morse or his kind of machine politicians. If any candidate thinks he can win with Liv Morse machine-made state, he is headed for a fall.

And all this under a Democratic administration!

Really, we hate to talk about it, it seems immodest and too much like boasting, but when they are still left alive and howling a few calamity howlers in Missouri, what is there to be done but speak the truth?

Now, of course the r. c. i. may say that this condition is only a local one and exists alone in Chicago. All that he needs to do is get that idea out of his mind to pick up almost any eastern paper and he will see the story repeated. Just for instance, take these few pungent paragraphs from that reliable paper, the Cincinnati Enquirer, which says:

NEVER SO MANY EMPLOYED

Every week makes it more apparent that the retail distribution of commodities through the merchants and shopkeepers of the United States will be the greatest in quantities and the largest in values during the coming six months that has ever taken place. In other words, the distribution of merchandise to actual consumers is beginning to break all records, and conditions are such that it will continue to increase for many months to come.

The agriculturists of the United States will receive more money for their products than has ever before been realized by them, and consequently their paying and their purchasing power is enormously increased over other years. In the strictly industrial districts of the United States, skilled and unskilled, is fully employed at maximum rates, and in cities, towns and outlying districts, whether the latter are classed as agricultural or industrial, there is work for all who are willing to work and desire work.

THERE NEVER WERE SO MANY

One thing that has militated against corn shows—and for that matter all other agricultural and stock shows—has been discovered by Secretary Saunders, and he does not hesitate to express himself on that point. For that matter, he is not the only farmer who has found it out, but he is one of the few who will openly protest. Here is what he says:

I think too much money has been and is being spent in railroad fare, entertainment, etc., for the "high-brows" who lecture, and not enough paid the farmers in the way of premiums to bring out and show what they have accomplished.

One of the greatest truths ever uttered. There are too many "high-brows" who abolish the finances of these exhibitions. They find themselves on these occasions through the position of state agricultural colleges which must find paying places for their "graduates" in order that the high-priced "professors" in the agricultural colleges may not lose their jobs through the state cutting off their appropriation of the taxpayers' money.

This paper has often asserted that it can find one hundred farmers in the Chautaukans who can give the "experts" cards and spades and teach them, instead of having the "high-brows" teach the farmers. Of course the agricultural colleges will not lose this paper the more for its assertion, but it can produce the farmers who will demonstrate its assertions.

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TIME IS VINDICATING HIS COURSE

The Decision of Federal Judge Dyer Sustains the Contentions of Senator Reed

THE FIRST FULL BODY BLOW HAS BEEN STRUCK

It Was Through the Insistence and the Tremendous Fight That Senator Reed Put Up That the Law Under Which the Government Is Now Proceeding to Break Up Shoe Machinery Trust Was Put On the Statute Books, Which Combine Had Levied Tribute on Every Wearer of Shoes

Time is vindicating the course of Senator James A. Reed in the Senate. The latest evidence is the decision of Judge Dyer in the shoe machinery case.

The government brought suit in the federal court at St. Louis against the shoe machinery trust under the provisions of Section 1 of the Clayton antitrust act. The government charged that the shoe machinery companies constituted a trust and monopoly in restraint of trade. The government's position charges that monopoly with having been guilty of many oppressive practices, and that it carried on its monopolistic practices through a device known as tie-in contracts. The defendants filed a demurrer to the government's charge.

In overruling the demurrer on last Thursday, Federal Judge Dyer declared that the existence of such a monopoly is a menace and that it would be even better to all back to the old and wooden peg than to permit its continuance. A temporary injunction was issued. This is the final body blow ever struck to the great shoe machinery trust, which has levied tribute upon every shoe manufacturer of the United States, and in turn upon every shoe wearer.

Mr. Victory Over Trusts

Misicians may feel a little pride in the fact that it is due solely to the work of Senator Reed that the law under which the government is proceeding in this case is upon the statute books. The Clayton bill, when it came from the house of representatives, had in it a section prohibiting tying contracts which are employed by the shoe machinery and other trusts. The bill also provided a criminal penalty for violation of its provisions.

The judiciary committee of the senate against Reed's earnest fight and protest all of Section 1 was stricken out. Reed gave notice that he would carry the fight to the floor of the senate. He did so, with the result that the section substantially as passed by the house was restored in the bill as Section 3.

In the conference between the two houses the criminal penalty clause was stricken out. Reed renewed the fight on the floor carrying it on for days. He did not succeed in restoring the criminal penalty, but he did succeed in putting in the bill and keeping in the bill the clause prohibiting tying contracts and making the employment of that favorite device of monopolies illegal. It is noted that provision in the case referred to was stricken. If final judgment is rendered in favor of the government, it will be the greatest victory against trusts won in many years.

The Only Government Help

At the time Reed was making this contention in the senate, he was roundly criticized by certain Missouri newspapers for having carried on his fight, and after speeches had been made on the floor of the senate urging that the shoe machinery monopoly was a good thing and that great business institutions should not be interfered with especially by Senator Reed, now seeking the Republican presidential nomination, Reed said:

Reed quietly endorsed the letter written to the eastern and midwestern newspapers for having carried on his fight, and after speeches had been made on the floor of the senate urging that the shoe machinery monopoly was a good thing and that great business institutions should not be interfered with especially by Senator Reed.

Reed's Terse Language

"Monopoly is a quantity that has a common origin and a common bed. Touched at its circumference, it invades throughout its entire body. Shake

DRIVING FROM THE BACK SEAT Before we take a motor ride Pa says to Ma, "My dear,

Now just remember I don't need assistance from the rear.

You will just keep still back there and hold in check your fright.

Pa takes you where you want to go and get you back all right.

Remember that my bearing's good, and also I'm blind.

And I can drive this car without suggestions from behind."

Ma promises that she'll keep still, then off we awfully start.

But soon she notices ahead a peddler and his cart.

"You'd better fasten your fur," says she, "to let him know we're nearly right over him," and Pa replies:

"Just shriek at him, my dear."

And then he adds: "Some day some

way will make a lot of dough

by pulling horns on bonanza seats for women folk to blow."

A little further on Ma says: "He's

nailed for a turn."

And Pa says: "Did he?" in a tone that's bad enough to burn.

Oh, there's a boy in roller skates."

Ma says, "Now do go slow."

Pa says, "You do not care."

I think I don't need glasses yet, but

really it may be.

That I am blind all cannot see what's right in front of me."

If Pa should speed the car a bit some

rise to hurry past.

Ma says: "Now be careful! You

are driving much too fast."

As all the time she's pointing out the

dangers of the street.

An' keep him posted on the roads

where street cars he will meet.

Last night when we got safely home,

Pa wished me said, "My dear,

For once we've all enjoyed the drive

you gave us from the road."

NO HELP FROM HIM

Senator Burton, the Fee of the Missouri River, Will Give No Help

The fact that Senator Theodore E. Burton of Ohio was chairman of the Missouri and Harcourt committee was why in this past it was impossible and impossible cannot be called into Missouri congressmen to get help question. He has been over a great portion of his home section of the state.

Mr. Wayland is assistant sergeant-at-arms of the Senate and will be

obliged to leave in a few days for

Washington, where he will remain on

the close of Congress, when he

will return to take up the active work

of the campaign.

MONROE CLUB ELECTION

Nominations Made by the Organization for the Election to Be Held December 2

The nominations for officers and directors of the Monroe club were made at a meeting held at the club room Thursday night. The election will occur Dec. 2. Louis V. Stigall and Thomas J. P. Smith were nominated for president and other nominations were as follows:

For secretary, R. M. Duncan; for treasurer, Harry Overbeck; for assistant-treasurer, Lyman Farnsworth; for director, William Finch; George W. Gandy, William Linn, George Allison, Leon L. Helder, E. A. Peterson, Edward C. Burke, L. C. Gibbert, E. B. Barnes, C. L. Cox, Herbert Fellin, Fred Wenker, J. C. Hope, William Page, E. A. King, Joseph Reed, Frank Zimowitz, J. J. Donnelly, Lewis Rosedale, Austin J. Goody, Walter Edmon and Austin Brown.

From the list of those nominated for the directorate, twelve will be chosen for a period of one year each.

GASOLINE UP A CENT NEXT DAY

Cleveland, Ohio, Nov. 11. John D. Rockefeller paid the expense of 25,000 children who attended the Cleveland Power Show today. With the compliments of Rockefeller, tickets were also distributed to school children for Friday and Saturday. It is estimated that the tickets today cost Rockefeller \$15,000.

ONE MORE WEEK

Through error, The Observer stated that Nov. 20 was the last day for filing suits for public

action. Next Friday, Nov. 26, is the

LAST day. We want your

business, Mr. Attorney, and if

you learn your publications at

the circuit clerk's office we will

give them prompt attention.